

**NOTICE OF FEDERAL INTEREST
IN AN OIL POLLUTION INCIDENT**

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Registered Agent, D & Z Exploration, Inc.
729 W Jefferson St.
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Re: Hastert East Lease, Lat. 38.304945/Long. -95.145465
Hastert West Lease, Lat. 38.305127/Long. -95.145936

Dear Mr. Belden:

This is to inform you that an oil pollution incident has occurred, and is occurring, at oil wells operated by D & Z Exploration, Inc. (D & Z) at the referenced location, for which D & Z may be financially responsible. Under Federal law, the United States has an interest in this incident and may take appropriate action to minimize damages to the public health or welfare that may be caused by this incident.

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Oil Pollution Act, D & Z may be responsible for, among other things, all costs incurred by the United States in responding to this incident, including all damages. D & Z's failure or refusal to provide all reasonable cooperation, assistance, and access requested by EPA's Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) may preclude it from asserting any defense or limitations to liability otherwise available under Federal law.

If D & Z is taking adequate actions to respond to this incident, as determined by EPA's FOSC, Federal response may be limited to overseeing the response. If EPA's FOSC determines that D & Z is not taking prompt and appropriate actions to respond to this incident, Federal assumption of the response may be taken without further notice to you. D & Z's failure to properly carry out the removal of the discharge as directed by EPA's FOSC or to comply with any orders issued by EPA, may subject it to statutory penalties.

As of the date of this letter, D & Z has stated it intends to respond to the release, and is working with the Kansas Corporation Commission regarding this matter.

Please contact me at 913-645-6449 or via email at doherty.paul@epa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Doherty
Federal On-Scene Coordinator

cc: Troy Russell, Kansas Corporation Commission

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